



# NOW in the News! May 2023

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Our National NOW just held the second Feminist State of the Union which was livestreamed on Thursday. Some of the guests were (to quote the website) "Hillary Rodham Clinton (needs no introduction!); Joseline Garcia, Co-Founder & Executive Director at UN-PAC; Dr. C. Nicole Mason, President and CEO Emeritus of the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR); Margaret Haung, President and CEO of the Southern Poverty Law Center; Maya Wiley, President and CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund; and Janai Nelson, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund." There were also three other surprise speakers! It was a powerful 81 minutes and I encourage you to check out the video here: https://now.org/fsotu2023/.

Elaine Holtz will be interviewing our National NOW President,

Christian F. Nunes on Monday, May 8 at 11:00 on her radio show,

Women's Spaces, KBBF 89.1 FM. The topic will be the Feminist State of
the Union and you will hear part of the recording with Hilary Clinton. Tune
in at 11:00 AM or hear the rebroadcast at 11:00 PM.

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California NOW is holding the state conference, Bridging the Gaps, on May 20th, in West Hollywood, but when you register, you can elect to attend virtually, rather than in person. Register through <a href="Eventbrite">Eventbrite</a>. I encourage all members to attend. As CA NOW writes, "We all see it. We can't deny what is happening here in the United States. A focused and targeted attack on women and girls is underway. California has always been a force to be reckoned with, and now is no different. As one of the largest states with the most NOW members, we are laser focused to unite the chapters and are ready to push the blue wave across the US!"

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National NOW will be hosting the national conference in Arlington, VA,

This will be an explosive event that every member should attend. Non-

members are encouraged to as well! (Note, I don't have information on whether any of this will be virtual.I). Here is the <u>link</u> for details.

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Our next Board meeting will be in two weeks and program TBA. Please join us to add your voice to our conversation!

## May 15, 2023 Zoom Details

7:00-8:30 PM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82846374496?pwd=WIA0cE5CaFczUUtqa1Nk

Meeting ID: 828 4637 4496 Passcode: 035853

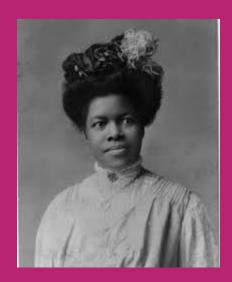
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If you are not yet a NOW member or need to renew your membership, please join our growing organization! Our chapter's ID is CA0660 and you can select it when you sign up <a href="here">here</a>. If you prefer to write a check, here is a form you can clip and mail.

--Amy Nykamp, President

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#### **Special dates in May**

- 1 Mary Harris "Mother" Jones (1837-1930), activist
- 2 Nannie Helen Burroughs (1879–1961), educator, rights leader; *Wikimedia Commons photo above*
- 3 May Sarton (1912-1995), author, poet
- 4 Annabel McGaughey Stuart (1840–1914), first Sonoma Co. woman physician

Althea Hamer Focht (1894–1973), Sonoma Co. suffragist

Helen Putnam (1909–1984), first female Petaluma mayor

- 5 Del Martin (1921–2008), Bay Area feminist activist Elizabeth Seaman ("Nellie Bly"), 1864–1922, journalist, suffragist
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 11 Martha Graham (1894–1991), dancer, choreographer
- 12 Elaine "Woody" Schwartz (1924–1999), SonomaCo. activist

Katharine Hepburn (1907–2003), feminist actress

- 14 Mother's Day
- 15 Williamina Fleming (1857–1911), astronomer
- 21 (1932) Amelia Earhart, first woman's solo

transatlantic flight

- 25 Lillie Mae Carroll Jackson (1889–1975), nonviolent resistance pioneer
- 26 Dorothea Lange (1895–1965), photographer/photojournalist
- 27 Amelia Bloomer (1818–1894), activist
- 27 Julia Ward Howe (1819–1910), activist, poet
- 27 Isadora Duncan (1877–1927), Bay Area choreographer
- 27 Rachel Carson (1907–1964), conservation pioneer, author
- 29 Memorial Day

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**About NOW** 

As the grassroots arm of the women's movement, the National Organization for Women is dedicated to its multi-issue and multi-strategy approach to women's rights, and is the largest organization of feminist grassroots activists in the United States. NOW has hundreds of chapters and hundreds of thousands of members and activists in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since our founding in 1966, NOW's purpose is to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life.

#### **Core Issues**

NOW is a multi-issue, multi-strategy organization that takes a holistic approach to women's rights. Our priorities are winning economic equality and securing it with an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women; championing abortion rights, reproductive freedom and other women's health issues; opposing racism; fighting bigotry against the LGBTQIA community; and ending violence against women.

#### Reproductive Rights and Justice

NOW fully supports safe and legal abortion, affordable and effective birth control and other contraception, and reproductive health education for all.

## **Economic Justice**

NOW advocates for a wide range of economic justice issues, women's freedom and success and intertwined with racial justice, reproductive freedom, and other systems of oppression.

# **Ending Violence Against Women**

NOW recognizes violence against women as the broad and interconnected issue that it is, addressing oppressive structures and attitudes in our nation.

#### **Racial Justice**

A leader in civil rights since 1966, NOW continues to fight for equal opportunities for women of color in all areas including employment, education, and health care.

# **LGBTQIA+ Rights**

NOW is committed to fighting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in all areas.

## **Constitutional Equality**

NOW is a proud supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment and prioritizes giving women explicit protections in the United States Constitution.

For additional information go to: <a href="https://now.org/about/">https://now.org/about/</a>







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